

Ozone Measurements in Australia

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The Australian Bureau of Meteorology maintains a network of five Dobson stations measuring total column ozone – Brisbane, Darwin, Melbourne, Macquarie Island and Perth (operated on behalf of NOAA). Ozone profiles are also measured at Melbourne and Macquarie Island with weekly ozonesonde flights, with a reduced program of sonde flights also operating at Davis Base in Antarctica (in conjunction with the Australian Antarctic Division).

Together these sites cover a wide range of latitudes across the relatively data sparse Southern Hemisphere, and possess data records of various lengths.

I will give a brief overview of the network and then present some features of the data record, including ozone climatologies and trend analyses.

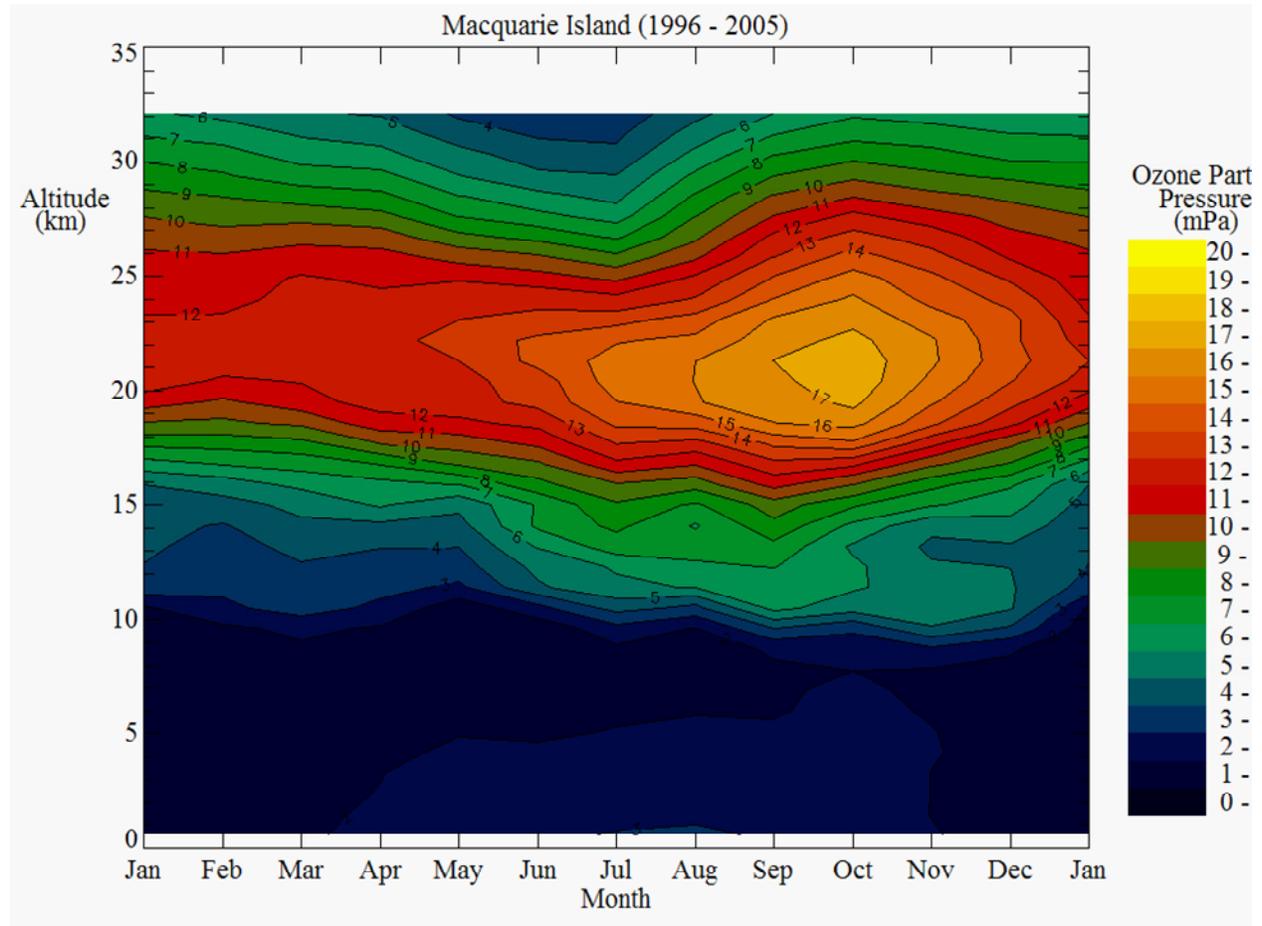


Figure 1. Mean ozone partial pressure by month and altitude as measured by the Bureau of Meteorology's ozonesonde program at Macquarie Island (55°S 159°E) from 1996 to 2005.